Figure 1. Examples of Conjugation Methods for Attachment of Antigen(s) or Ligands to Lipids.

Amide bond formation

$$R \xrightarrow{X} + H_2 N \xrightarrow{R'} R \xrightarrow{Coupling agent} R \xrightarrow{R'} R'$$

R = lipid X = N-hydroxysuccinimide, pentafluorophenol, etc. R' = protein, peptide, small molecule

Thioether or disulfide bond formation

R = tipid R' = protein, peptide, small molecule

Alkylation

R = lipid X = O, N, S R' = protein, peptide, small molecule

R = lipid R' = glycoprotein, carbohydrate or polysaccharide, small molecule in the glycoprotein or polysaccharide the aldehyde functionality is generated as shown below

Chelation